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thief." But a position so extreme would perhaps be inadvisable in an article tending to point out the danger of so great extension of governmental powers, and the futility of attempting to effectuate the moral code by administrative processes. "JUNIUS."

[We quite agree that the edict of the Postmaster-General increasing the weight of parcels-post packages had no warrant in equity or in law. We believe further that resistance by the railway companies would have been justifiable and successful. . . . It is the intention of the present Administration, we understand and hope, to right the wrong inflicted upon Colombia by President Roosevelt.—EDITOR.]

THE FALSE STEP

JOLIET, ILLINOIS.

SIR,—In the November number of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW* you criticized the Administration on account of its responsibility for the "rider" attached to the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill passed at the last session of Congress, and which exempts organizations of farmers from prosecution under the Sherman Anti-trust Law. The basis of your criticism is that this is class legislation. Your conclusion is undoubtedly correct. In fact, it would seem that it is, as was said by Mr. Taft in his veto of an appropriation bill containing a similar rider, "class legislation of the most vicious sort."

Now, I wish to refer you to an article by Hon. David Jayne Hill, which appeared in the December *REVIEW*, and wherein it is said:

"The division of men into friends and enemies of Constitutional Government must be based upon the attitude they assume toward its fundamental principle. This principle being the existence of equal and adequate guarantees, by which the life, the personal liberty, and the property of every citizen are rendered inviolate, every person and every organization that aims to secure advantages to the detriment of others must be classed as an enemy to Constitutional Government."

Mr. Hill, of course, states a truism, and the action of the Administration, as described by you, is a matter of common knowledge. How, then, can one escape the apparently logical conclusion that the Administration is not qualified for membership in that class known as the friends of Constitutional Government? Your assistance in affecting such an escape will be greatly appreciated.

DORRANCE DIBELL SNAPP.

[One error does not constitute irremediable sin.—EDITOR.]

MATTERS OF OPINION

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

SIR,—You question the legal and moral right of the President of the United States to say who shall be President of Mexico. This is truly a matter of question, so far as the legal right is concerned, but, so far as the moral right, it is not open for question with any self-respecting nation with a full knowledge of facts and considering that commercial and material matters should not dominate the moral question. Europe was not at all interested in the moral side, only in the material side, so recognized Huerta. As one renegade American located in the City of Mexico very aptly states, "little they cared if Mexico had a democracy or not," and they